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Whodunit, If Not CIA?

Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.) is disinclined to blame the CIA for the so-called "myth" of the missile gap. Blaming the CIA, she said, was an attempt to "cover up the 1960 campaign statements of candidate Kennedy which are coming back to haunt him as President."

This was a deft statement, but neither helpful nor enlightening. Where did the myth of the missile gap originate if not with the intelligence agencies of the government? Sen. Symington (D-Mo.) has pointed out that U.S. estimates of Soviet heavy bomber strength decreased by 96.5 per cent between Dec. 1959 and Sept. 1961.

The American people deserve an explanation. The subject is worthy of Congressional investigation.